

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5.- 8. (Canceled)

9. - 15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) A camera with an audio reproduction function, comprising:

an image pick-up device which converts an optical image into an electrical signal;

an image-capturing instructing device which instructs the start of a picture taking operation with the image pick-up device;

a signal processing device which processes the electrical signal obtained by the image pick-up device to convert it into the image data;

a recording device which records the image data obtained by the signal processing device on a recording medium;

a reproduction processing device which reproduces an audio file recorded on the recording medium;

an audio output device which outputs the audio reproduced by the reproduction processing device audibly;

a device which detects an empty capacity of the recording medium;

a device which determines an estimated recording data amount of image acquired by an image-capturing operation using the image pick-up device; and

a control device which controls selective deleting of an audio file from said recording medium, wherein, when the empty capacity of the recording medium is less than the estimated recording amount, said control device controls selective deleting by controlling said reproduction processing device to reproduce a portion of an audio file that is a candidate deletion object for output by said audio output device and deletes

the candidate deletion object upon determining that an operator is proceeding with a previously-initiated picture taking operation

wherein deletion of music is performed in an image capturing sequence; and

wherein when the shutter is at a location half depressed, if an empty area of the recording medium is not enough, a music file that is a deletion object is reproduced, and when the shutter button is at a location fully depressed without interruption, the music file is deleted, and the image-capturing operation is performed and the captured image is recorded, and when the shutter button is restored and is not depressed after the reproduction of the music file, deletion of the music file is not performed.

17. – 18. (Canceled)